



MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

Public Meeting of October 15, 2013

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioners:

Stuart Rick, Chair
Kenita Barrow
Rachel Brown
Mark L. Greenblatt
Nina Weisbroth

Staff Member:

Robert Cobb, Chief Counsel

Item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

Item 2. The minutes from the 9/17/13 meeting were approved as presented.

Item 3. Robert Cobb indicated that the letter to the State Ethics Commission discussed at the prior meeting had been sent with no further developments.

Item 4. Cobb demonstrated the new public facing of the registration and activity reporting function of the online lobbying system.

Item 5. Cobb indicated that the development of an outside employment online form would be deferred due to DTS seeking to use the development of the new form as a pilot for a system that they would like to construct in the Spring of 2014.

Item 6. Cobb stated that the plan for the launch of the annual financial disclosure on January 2, 2014, was proceeding without objection after a meeting with senior executive branch employees.

Item 7. Cobb circulated a draft questionnaire for discussion about disclosure of possible conflicts of board, committee and commission members going through the appointment and confirmation processes. Commissioner Greenblatt suggested the questions make clear that property interests include stocks, bonds, and other property. One suggestion was to clarify the scope of the meaning of the word "relative" and to consider adding a general question about

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ethics and conflicts that might not have been addressed in the more specific questions appearing on the form.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'RW Cobb', written in a cursive style.

Robert W. Cobb
Chief Counsel